Calendar of Events

**EXTENSION COUNCIL**

- Randy Stanislav, Blencoe
- Bruce Parker, Smithland
- Laura Neldeberg, Whiting
- Sandy Bubke, Mapleton
- Sandy Smith, Moorhead
- Cheryl Warner, Onawa
- Brian Hobbs, Whiting
- Leland Hathaway, Turin

**4-H YOUTH COUNCIL**

- Ronda MacClure, Whiting
- Andrew Christiansen, Ute
- Dave Hoagland, Mapleton
- Judy Mulder, Mapleton
- Amy Card, Onawa
- Leland Hathaway, Turin
- Shelbi Vermeys, Onawa
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Due October 1

- 4-H Project Award Applications
- 4-H Adult Leader/Volunteer Nomination
- 4-H Club Mini Grants
- 4-H Community Club Challenge reports
- 4-H Completion list
- 4-H Club Historian Book

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- LEGO Club Meetings 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., Extension Office

October 1

- SESS Club 1:00-2:30 p.m., Archery, Monona County Arboretum

October 1-7

- National 4-H Week

October 2

- Mapleton Clover Kids 3:30-4:45 p.m., MV Elementary

October 4

- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, WM Elementary 3:30-5:00 p.m.

October 6

- Onawa Chamber Coffee for National 4-H Week 9:30-10:30 a.m.

October 6

- CyDay Friday Downtown Onawa at U.S. Bank 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

October 7

- 4-H Junior Trip to Sioux City Drop Zone, Sioux City Museum

October 8

- Discover 4-H Meeting 2:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Office

October 9

- Emerald Ash Borer Workshop 2:00-3:30 p.m., Extension Office

October 13

- Opening Night—Fair Fright Nights

October 14

- 4-H Cooking Club, 10:00 a.m., Mapleton

October 16

- Onawa Clover Kids Group 1 3:30-4:45 p.m., WM Elementary

October 16

- County 4-H Council Interviews and Meeting

October 23

- Onawa Clover Kids Group 2 3:30-4:45 p.m., WM Elementary

October 31

- Onawa Downtown Trick-or-Treat 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Next to Onawa Democrat
National 4-H Week October 1-7

Celebrate the world’s largest youth organization, over 6.3 million strong. Promoting 4-H is an on-going priority. Be sure to wear your 4-H shirts during the week, hang posters at local businesses or on lockers at school. Don’t forget to show thanks to leaders and local volunteers. Let them know you appreciate them. Join us for Onawa Chamber Coffee on Friday, October 6 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and also for CY Day Friday on October 6 for lunch at U.S. Bank in downtown Onawa.

CyDay Friday, October 6

Monona County 4-H and Extension are part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. We work to provide research-based education and materials to the people of Monona County. In celebrating our connection to Iowa State University, we will host a tailgate and FREE lunch. Join us in front of U.S. bank on 10th street in Onawa from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Wear your Iowa State items and be entered to win an Iowa State Cyclone prize pack!

Re-enrollment for 2017-2018 Year Has Begun

Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2017-2018 4-H year is open. Visit https://iowa.4honline.com to enroll. Every member must be enrolled in 4-H online to be considered a member and be eligible for insurance coverage offered through the county 4-H program. Enrollment fees of $10 can be paid directly to your club leaders. Contact Melissa or Keith if you need to re-set your password or need assistance with re-enrolling.

Very Important: If you do not remember your login info, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IN 4-H ONLINE! Call the office for assistance.

CyDay Facebook Promotion

Are you following Monona County Extension on Facebook? If not, you are missing out on other events and information about your home, family, garden, farm and more. If you do not already “like” the page, do so and you will be entered in a Cyclone prize pack. If you already like the page, share and invite your friends to also be entered in the contest. Everyone that does this from October 1-7 will be entered!
**COUNTY NEWS**

**Fair Fright Nights**

Something spooky is brewing at the Monona County Fairgrounds this October! Coordinators are planning to set up and host a haunted house, hayrides, pumpkin sales, a corn pool, kiddie hay bale maze, apple slingshot and more! We are still looking for a 4-H club or clubs to host pumpkin painting or an activity you choose. 4-H clubs can do an activity like that as a club fundraiser. We also need help from Junior High and High Schoolers with setting up and working in the haunted house.

Set up will start on Sunday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds and will take place during that week. Opening night is Friday the 13th.

Open dates will be: October 13, 14, 20, 21, and 27-30.

Contact Melissa at the Extension Office 423-2175 or Fairboard VP Curtis Sturgill to sign up to help or have your club offer an activity.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**New 4-H Dog Club**

All current dog participants and other youth interested in learning about dogs are invited to join the new 4-H dog club. Dog superintendent Megan Wimmer will be leading the club and plans to offer citizenship opportunities while teaching members about dog breeds, Grooming, obedience and more. Megan also has plans to begin dog agility training in the spring so it can be offered as a class at the 2018 Monona County Fair. Call Megan Wimmer at 712-423-2175 if you are interested or have questions.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**Clover Kids Begin Meeting in October**

The Clover Kids program is a unique 4-H program for youth in K-2nd grade. Students have an opportunity to join the learning and fun of 4-H. **Mapleton Clover Kids** will begin Monday, October 2, at the Mapleton Elementary Building and will meet the first Monday of the month (except November & December) after school from 3:30-4:45 pm.

**Onawa Clover Kids** K-2nd grade will hold its first meeting for Group 1 on Monday, October 16, and will meet the 3rd Monday of each month. Group 2 meets on October 23 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. and will meet the 4th Monday of each month. Both meet at West Monona Elementary School each month (except December) through April. Letters will be arriving with your child’s schedule. Contact the Monona County Extension Office to sign up and if you can volunteer your help.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**LEGO Robotics Team**

The LEGO Robotics team is excited to take another team to the regional First Lego League competition in December. They have been meeting every Sunday at the Extension Office from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the team, contact the Extension Office right away!
No cost to attend, but please register to help in planning.

Attendees will be BQA certified.

ISU Tailgate

November 21 • 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Sac County Extension 620 Park Ave. Sac City IA

November 30 • 1:00-3:00 PM

Iowa State University

Iowa Extension and Outreach

U.S. Bank Parking Lot

Free Coffee, Donuts, Fruit

9:30-10:30 AM October 6

Chamber Coffee National 4-H Week

Don't forget: Celebrate the Cyclone Spirit

Tailgating Games

Free Grilled Hot Dog Lunch

November 21 • 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Hosted at U.S. Bank Parking Lot

Fridays, October 6
Mapleton Majors Science Discovery Club

The Mapleton Majors 4-H club is re-establishing itself into an after-school club. The club plans to feature hands-on science discoveries. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities like coding, robots, rockets, nature discoveries will be the focus each meeting.

Plan to attend meetings the 1st Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Mapleton Elementary. All 4th-12th graders are welcome. Call Nancy at 712-423-2175 to enroll, today!

SESS Club

Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to enroll in the 4-H Shooting Sports club. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Monona County Arboretum. Practice archery skills in the warm months and learn air rifle skills inside during the winter months.

If you want to attend please call the Extension Office to sign up.

Join the Monona County 4-H Council

You have the opportunity to be a member of the 4-H County Council. Plan and lead events for Monona County 4-H throughout the year. Events include Jr. camp, county workshops, trips, the fair, and more. You have the opportunity to be an ambassador for Monona County 4-H.

All 9th-12th graders 4-H members can still apply to be on Council. Interviews will take place October 16. Pick up you application at the office. Please complete and return to Melissa at the Extension Office as soon as you can.

4-H Cooking Club

Do you love cooking or baking? Do you want to learn how to make yummy snacks or meals for your friends and family? If so—don’t miss the 4-H cooking club meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Mapleton.

Current 4-H’ers can join as well as brand new youth in grades 4-12.

Contact Megan Wimmer at 712-423-2175 to enroll!

Emerald Ash Borer Workshop Oct. 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

Emerald Ash Borer is confirmed in over half of Iowa’s counties. Is Monona County next? Monona County Extension and Outreach will host an informational meeting concerning EAB, an exotic, destructive insect of ash trees. You will learn how to identify EAB, identify an ash tree, see signs of EAB infestation, whether to treat your trees and more.

Session is presented by Dr. Donald Lewis—Iowa State University Professor and Extension Entomologist, Iowa Department of Agriculture EAB Coordinator Mike Kintner and Lindsey Barney—District Forester with the Iowa DNR. The session is free but you need to RSVP by October 8 to 712-423-2175.